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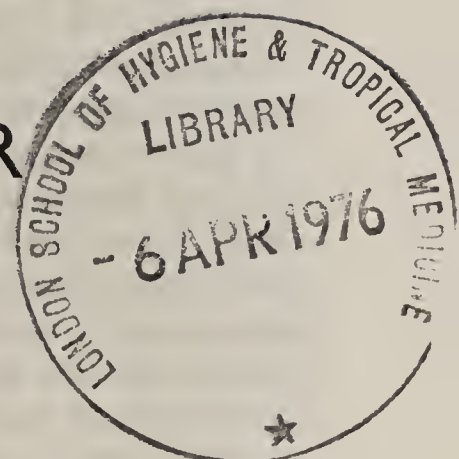
for the

Borough of Stratford-upon-Avon
Rural District of Alcester
Rural District of Shipston-on-Stour
Rural District of Stratford-on-Avon

FOR THE YEAR 1972

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TO:

The Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors, Borough of Stratford-upon-Avon

The Chairman and Councillors, Rural District of Alcester

The Chairman and Councillors, Rural District of Shipston-on-Stour

The Chairman and Councillors, Rural District of Stratford-on-Avon

I can see no prospect of being able to write an Annual Report about the work done by the Health Departments of the four District Councils during 1973, so that this account of the work done in 1972 will be the final report from me as your Medical Officer of Health. The title of Medical Officer of Health will disappear on the 1st April 1974. The medical link between the National Health Service and the new Local Government Districts and Counties will be a Specialist in Community Medicine seconded to the Councils by the Area Medical Officer of the new Warwickshire Area Health Authority and will be known as the Proper Officer.

I am quite certain that the work of the Chief Environmental Health Officers and their staffs will be a worthy continuation of the combined work of Public Health Inspectors, Surveyors, Engineers and Medical Officers of Health which has made such notable improvements to the health of the community over the last century. Personally speaking, this semi-divorce of the Medical Officer of Health or Community Health Specialist from the detailed day-to-day health work of Councils can only be looked at with sadness. Intimate personal knowledge of the district and concern for the welfare of every individual has always been the keynote of community health work. To be satisfied with work which provides only the greatest good for the greatest number is too limited an objective. It will be more difficult also for District Council elected representatives with their larger Wards to have the intimate knowledge of the affairs of their electors compared with their predecessors. I fear that the new District Council

will not be able to give much priority to the needs of small rural communities in competition with the greater concentration of population in places with greater representation.

The need for strong, articulate and balanced Parish Councils will be greater than ever.

I have worked for the four Councils for 24 years and enormous progress has been made in the promotion of health and the provision of adequate facilities for the people living in this part of Warwickshire during that time. Progress has proceeded inevitably in fits and starts, depending on the financial climate, but the circumstances of the local population are immeasurably better than they were.

I think that this progress is best exemplified by the work undertaken by Stratford-on-Avon Rural District in the parish of Hockley Heath. When this parish was absorbed by the Rural District from Solihull it was utterly rural, the dwellings being very scattered and the rateable value low. Many readers of this Report will have seen the Mount Estate as it was taken over in 1964, a large area of land without roads, drainage or water supply, which had gradually declined since it was first started as a resettlement scheme for demobilised Servicemen after the 1914/18 War. It is now a flourishing and modern private enterprise housing estate of 600 houses or so, most attractive to look at, and it will provide in the near future every amenity for the people living there. The change in a few years has been almost unbelievable. The progress towards modern facilities proceeds in the rest of the parish and in a short while, with the provision of the Tidbury Green main drainage scheme, the constant problems of drainage which has bedevilled this part of Warwickshire will be erased from memory.

Apart from my earlier note of sadness the process of improvement of the health amenities for the people living in the four Districts continues. Most of the Councils have completed their schemes for the proper drainage of the whole of their area. It is a pity that the Alcester Rural District are still in the throes of providing adequate sewerage for their rural areas. However, these schemes are in progress and in due time this work will be finished. It seems to me that it has been most important that this fundamental work should be completed or at least in hand before Re-organisation takes place. I cannot believe that the new District Council will be able to give much priority to small communities in the Rural Districts when there will be so much more forceful a call from areas where there is a greater concentration of population.

REFUSE DISPOSAL

When I was writing my Annual Report last year I gave some prominence to the difficulties of refuse disposal in three of the four Districts.

A year has gone by and the efforts of the consortium of the three Districts to provide an incinerator at Wootton Wawen, or, alternatively, in conjunction with the Urban District of Redditch, at Studley have made no progress whatsoever. The County Council are now making their own efforts to deal with the problem, but I am very doubtful whether the scheme which they have now chosen of a tip at Bearley will come in sufficient time to relieve the Council of its difficulties in this direction. Until the provision of a new tip which is centrally placed in the new Stratford-on-Avon District has been provided there seems to me to be a great risk that costs of cartage of refuse by the District Council will be greatly increased by long hauls to distant tips. If arrangements cannot be made and for some reason tipping space is not available the chaos that has been a worry in many officials' minds for some considerable time will inevitably occur.

FLUORIDATION OF WATER

It is now some time ago that there were heated discussions in Stratford-upon-Avon about whether the water supplies in the four Districts should be fluoridated. The position now is that:-

1. ALCESTER RURAL DISTRICT

The water to the villages of Bidford and Broom is being adequately dosed.

2. STRATFORD-UPON-AVON BOROUGH

Four of the bore holes are being adequately dosed.

3. STRATFORD-ON-AVON RURAL DISTRICT

The Birmingham supply has been fluoridated for many years. The source at Clifford Chambers is being dosed now and fluoride is being added also to some of the other sources outside the boundaries of the Districts.

As I have said previously the provision of dosing apparatus to the many sources of supply can only be done slowly and meticulously, but considerable progress has been made in the last two or three years.

PURITY OF MILK SUPPLIES

The methodical sampling and surveillance of milk, both where it is produced and where it is heat treated is carried out by the County Council Health Department. I am indebted to the County Medical Officer and Chief Public Health Inspector for the information given in the two tables.

The routine sampling of milk for tuberculosis was given up in June 1972. The last positive sample was in 1959. It is important that sampling should continue for brucella organisms and antibiotic contamination.

MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATION) REGULATIONS, 1963, AS AMENDED DEALERS' (PRE-PACKED MILK) LICENCES.

District	Number of Samples taken				Tests Failed				
	Untreat- ed	Pasteur- ised	Steril- ised	U.H.T.	M.B.	Phosph.	M.B. and Phosph.	Turbi- dity	Colony Count
Stratford-upon-Avon M.B.	0	95	18	4	0	1	0	0	0
Alcester R.D.	0	71	27	2	4	0	0	0	0
Shipston-on-Stour R.D.	2	51	1	2	2	0	0	0	0
Stratford-on-Avon R.D.	0	142	34	11	6	0	0	0	0

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955. SECTION 31
ROUTINE MILK SAMPLING FOR BIOLOGICAL AND OTHER EXAMINATIONS DURING 1972.

District	Total Number of Samples	Examinations carried out and results for					
		*Tubercle bacilli		Brucella organisms		Antibiotics	
		Neg.	Pos.	Neg.	Pos.	Neg.	Pos.
*Stratford-upon-Avon M.B.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alcester R.D.	8	2	0	8	0	8	0
Shipston-on-Stour R.D.	17	6	0	17	0	17	0
Stratford-on-Avon R.D.	51	9	0	51	0	51	0

*No farms in area producing milk for retail sales as "Untreated"

*As from end of June, 1972, no milk samples submitted to P.H.L. for routine biological examination for Tubercle bacilli.

In addition to the above figures, a bulk sample of milk was taken as a follow-up to a suspected human infection from previous years. As a result, single cow samples were taken and a number of cows were found to be excreting brucella organisms. No milk from the farm is retailed or consumed in its raw state.

Each year I have made mention of the happiness I have had working in this part of Warwickshire; of the help and consideration I have had from members of Councils and their staffs with whom I have been linked. I have also said that I am most grateful to the staff who

work in my office, who, where many are concerned, have been part of the team for many years. If the future should bring a break in this happy relationship we shall be lucky if the future provides such an attractive atmosphere to work in. I hope that my forebodings will be proved to be wrong. Whatever may happen to us I shall have many happy memories of the past years, and my deep thanks go out to those who have made them so.

J. B. BRAMWELL,
AREA MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

The Borough of Stratford-upon-Avon

Chief Public Health Inspector
J. T. BRUEN, F.A.P.H.I.
Certificate of Meat and Foods

Additional Public Health Inspector
J. R. HOLMES, P.H.I.E.B., Dip.
Certificate of Meat and Foods

Area of the Borough (acres)	...	...	...	...	6,899
Population estimated mid 1972	...	...	...	...	19,760
Rateable value at 1st April, 1972	...	...	...	...	£1,244,662
Product of Penny Rate	...	...	...	...	£12,115

VITAL STATISTICS 1972

					Males	Females	Total
ESTIMATED MID-YEAR HOME POPULATION ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19,760
LIVE BIRTHS							
Total ...	...	...	...	...	112	126	238
Legitimate ...	...	...	...	...	103	119	222
Illegitimate ...	...	...	...	...	9	7	16
STILLBIRTHS							
Total ...	...	...	...	...	1	0	1
Legitimate ...	...	...	...	...	1	0	1
Illegitimate ...	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS							
Total ...	...	...	...	...	113	126	239
Legitimate ...	...	...	...	...	104	119	223
Illegitimate ...	...	...	...	...	9	7	16
DEATHS OF INFANTS							
Under one year of age							
Total ...	...	...	...	...	2	1	3
Legitimate ...	...	...	...	...	2	1	3
Illegitimate ...	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Under four weeks of age							
Total ...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2
Legitimate ...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2
Illegitimate ...	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Under one week of age							
Total ...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2
Legitimate ...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2
Illegitimate ...	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
DEATHS—ALL AGES	...	...	...	...	104	141	245

RATES

	Local	England and Wales
LIVE BIRTH RATES, ETC.		
Livebirths per 1,000 home population (crude rate)	12.0	14.8
Area comparability factor	1.03	1.00
Local adjusted rate	12.4	14.8
Ratio of local adjusted rate to national rate	.84	1.00
Illegitimate live births as percentage of all live births	7	9
STILLBIRTH RATE		
Stillbirths per 1,000 total live and still births	4	12
INFANT MORTALITY RATES		
Deaths under 1 year per 1,000 live births	13	17
Deaths of legitimate infants under 1 year per 1,000 legitimate live births	14	17
Deaths of illegitimate infants under 1 year per 1,000 illegitimate live births	0	21
NEONATAL MORTALITY RATE		
Deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 live births	8	12
EARLY NEONATAL MORTALITY RATE		
Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births	8	10
PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE		
Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined, per 1,000 total live and still births	13	22
DEATH RATES, ETC. — ALL AGES		
Deaths per 1,000 home population (crude rate)	12.4	12.1
Area comparability factor	.86	1.00
Local adjusted rate	10.7	12.1
Ratio of local adjusted rate to national rate	.88	1.00

HOUSING

Total number of dwellings in the district at 31st December, 1972...	...	7,411
Number built in 1972 – Council	... ..	29
Number built in 1972 – Private	... ..	272
COUNCIL HOUSES		
Total	... ..	1,458
Number of houses built in 1972	... ..	29
Number of houses in the course of erection at 31st December, 1972		
	Houses	36
	Flats	30
Number of applicants for Council houses	... ..	645

REMEDY OF HOUSING DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR

(1) By informal action	... ..	97
(2) By formal action under Public Health Act	... ..	0
(3) By action under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1957	... ..	0
(4) By action under Section 16 of the Housing Act, 1957		
(a) Number of representations made	... ..	0
(b) Number of demolition orders made	... ..	0
(b) (i) Number of houses demolished...	... ..	0
(c) Number of houses about which undertakings have been been accepted from owners to repair and improve	... ..	0
(d) Number of houses about which undertaking have been accepted from owners not to re-let	... ..	0
(e) Closing Orders under Section 17 of the Housing Act, 1957	... ..	0
(f) Closing Orders under Section 18 of the Housing Act, 1957	... ..	0
(5) By action under Section 42 of the Housing Act, 1957		
(a) Number of representations made...	... ..	0
(b) Number of Clearance Areas declared	... ..	0
(c) Number of houses involved	... ..	0
(d) Number of Clearance Orders made	... ..	0
(e) Number of Clearance Orders confirmed	... ..	0
(f) Number of houses demolished	... ..	0
(g) Council houses demolished	... ..	0

HOUSING ACT, 1969 – IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

1. Improvement and Renovation of Houses		
(a) Number of applications received	(1) Owner/Occupied	21
	(2) Tenanted	11
(b) Number refused – owner/occupied	... ..	1
(c) Number of grants approved	... ..	31
(d) Total amount of approved expenses	... ..	£40,390
(e) Total amount of approved grant...	... ..	£18,251
(f) Number of houses improved	... ..	34
(g) Amount of grant paid	... ..	£14,715
(2) CONVERSIONS – relate to grant applications for buildings used wholly or partly for residential purposes and too large for single family occupation.		
(a) Number of applications approved	... ..	5
(b) Total amount of approved expenses	... ..	£31,668
(c) Total amount of approved grant	... ..	£14,097
(d) Number of self-contained flats to be provided	... ..	14
(3) STANDARD GRANTS		
(a) Number of applications received – Owner-occupied	... ..	3
	Tenanted	1
(b) Maximum standard grant approved	... ..	£355
(c) Number of standard grant works completed	... ..	3
(d) Amount of standard grant paid	... ..	£199

HOUSING INSPECTIONS OF THE DISTRICT

Public Health Act	137
Re-inspections	73
Housing Acts – Improvement Grants	277
Qualification Certificates	50
Housing Survey	109
Other Housing Visits... ..	22
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OLDER HOUSING CONDITIONS

Circular 50/72 issued by the Department of the Environment stated that having regard to recent information it was possible to foresee and to plan for clearance of remaining slums and improvement of other older housing stock within a decade. The circular recommended an examination of the existing housing stock and submission of statistical information, but recognised difficulty, particularly for small authorities in allocating resources for the work. It was not possible to carry out a detailed house to house survey throughout the Borough, but from records and a sample survey it is considered that the return as hereunder, is a reasonable statistical estimate.

					Number of dwellings	
					Owned by local authority or new town	Other ownership
A	ESTIMATES OF CONDITION OF HOUSING STOCK IN MID 1972					
	Unfit dwellings (a)					
(1)	In areas already declared under Part III Housing Act, 1957				Nil	Nil
(2)	In other areas to be declared under Part III Housing Act, 1957				Nil	Nil
(3)	Not in Part III areas				4	6
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(4)	Total of unfit dwellings (items 1 plus 3 plus 2)... ..				4	6
	Dwellings not unfit (a)					
(5)	Up to 12 point standard				1431	5378
(6)	Capable of improvement to 12 point standard				7	202
(7)	Not capable of improvement to 12 point standard				Nil	Nil
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	Total dwellings in the area (items 4 plus 5 plus 6 plus 7)				1442	5586
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There is no problem in the Borough with regard to unfit dwellings necessitating slum clearance area action under Part III of the Housing Act, 1957. The houses capable of being improved to the 12 point standard will be dealt with by continuing the policy of approaching the owners to improve their dwellings with the aid of a grant where the tenant wishes to have the dwelling improved and is willing to pay an increased rental.

HOUSING ACT, 1969 – QUALIFICATION CERTIFICATES

Twenty applications were received for certificates to take tenancies out of control in respect of dwellings provided with all the standard amenities. In eight cases repair works were considered necessary. A further nine applications were made combined with improvement grant applications to modernise the houses. 28 certificates were issued which included applications from the previous year where approval had been deferred.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Thirty-one complains were made about contamination of food by foreign bodies, of foodstuffs affected by mould growth or other unsatisfactory conditions. They were all thoroughly investigated and dealt with to the satisfaction of the complainants. Appropriate representations were made to both manufacturers and retailers and recommendations made particularly with regard to the sale of mouldy and out of condition perishable foods due to a lapse in stock rotation and over long storage. Proceedings were taken against two retailers for the sale of a mouldy cheese pasty in one case and the sale of a mouldy pork pie in the other. Each retailer was fined £25.

Two complaints related to the presence of insects in imported tinned fruit and were identified as species indigenous to the countries of origin. The canning firms were notified for investigations to be carried out.

Commodity	Foreign Matter Number		Mould Number
	Home Produced Food	Imported Food	
Milk	5	—	—
Bread	1	—	2
Cheese	—	—	1
Canned Meat	—	—	1
Cooked Meat	1	—	—
Meat Pies	1	—	2
Fruit	1	2	1
Flour/Confectionary	2	—	4
Vegetables	1	—	1
Sweets	2	—	—
Other Food	2	—	2
Totals	15	2	14

REGULATION 27

Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959

Proceeding were also taken for the sale of a bottle of milk not in a state of thorough cleanliness. The dairy concerned was fined £5.

UNSOUND FOOD

Sixty-six visits have been made to premises for the purpose of inspection and dealing with unsound food. All condemned food is disposed of by burying at the Corporation controlled tip and suitably treated as and when necessary.

The condemned food disposed of was as follows:-

Cooked meat and meat products	1 cwt. 2 qtrs.
Canned meats	1 cwt. 2 qtrs.
Other canned foods	13 cwt. 3 qtrs.
Other food	22 tons 8 cwt.
Frozen food	6 cwt. 1 qtr.

ICE CREAM

No ice cream is manufactured in the Borough and all the registered premises retailing ice cream are supplied by the large manufacturing firms.

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960

During the routine inspections of food premises the contraventions noted were considered to be of such a nature as not to warrant formal report and generally a satisfactory overall standard was maintained.

TRADE	NO. OF PREMISES
Grocers	41
Bakers	4
Cake/Bread Shops... ..	7
Butchers	13
Fishmongers	2
Fried Fish Shops	5
Dairies	1
Confectioners	11
Greengrocers	10
Hotels	31
Licensed Houses	28
Restaurants	22
Cafes/Snack Bars	9
Slaughterhouses	2

IMPROVEMENTS MADE	PREMISES
Screening and Storage of food	6
Rooms cleansed/decorated	13
Nailbrush, soap and towels supplied	3
Floors, walls and ceilings repaired/renewed	6
Sanitary accommodation renovated	3
Equipment renewed/cleansed	1
Drain stoppages cleared/repaired	1
Refuse storage	9
Washing facilities improved/provided	2
Food preparation surfaces improved/repaired	6
Protective clothing/hygienic food handling	6
Insect control measures provided	1
Ventilation improved	2
First Aid boxes supplied	3
Clothes lockers provided	2

SLAUGHTERHOUSES AND MEAT INSPECTION

All animals slaughtered at the two slaughterhouses were inspected and condemned meat and offal disposed of through bona-fide contractors.

CARCASSES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART

	Cattle excludg. Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	2652	45	206	6599	7431	—
Number inspected	2652	45	206	6599	7431	—
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci: Whole carcasses condemned	4	1	6	15	23	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	439	23	1	160	333	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci	16.69	53.33	3.39	2.65	4.79	—
Tuberculosis only: Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	2	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	—	—	—	—	0.03	—
Cysticercosis: Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	—	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and generally condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—

DISEASE AND WEIGHT OF MEAT CONDEMNED

					tons	cwts.	qrs.	lbs.
Abscess formation	...	...	...	...		18	2	27
Abnormal and swollen joints			...	...		2	3	17
Abnormal odour	...	...	...	...		4	2	27
Adhesions	...	...	...	...		1	1	22
Angioma	...	...	...	...			1	20
Ascites	...	...	...	...		3	0	20
Bone taint	...	...	...	...		1	2	12
Bruising	...	...	...	...		10	3	13
Broken bones/injury	...	...	...	...			1	0
Cirrhosis	...	...	...	...		16	3	0
Congestion	...	...	...	...		3	3	0
Cysts	...	...	...	...		2	3	20
Emaciation	...	...	...	...		9	2	5
Emphysema	...	...	...	...		3	1	22
Fatty infiltration	...	...	...	...				27
Fascioliasis	...	...	...	...				11
Fibrosis	...	...	...	...		1	0	14
Imperfect bleeding and setting			...	...		3	1	16
Jaundice	...	...	...	...		6	1	9
Oedema	...	...	...	...		2	0	19
Parasites	...	...	...	...		2	0	18
Pericarditis	...	...	...	...			3	14
Peritonitis	...	...	...	...		6	0	2
Pleurisy	...	...	...	...		2	3	9
Pneumonia		1	1	22
Payaemia		4	0	0
Mastitis			3	2
Skin Lesions				21
Tuberculosis				10
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					5	12	1	7
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TABLES OF ANIMALS SLAUGHTERED

Year	Cattle	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Total
1939	868	26	265	3791	4712	9663
1954	3806	749	879	23048	9017	37499
1955	3613	255	562	14479	10368	29277
1956	4438	281	778	16473	9910	31880
1957	4662	380	707	15320	9527	30596
1958	4243	316	518	13247	10669	28993
1959	3829	275	519	19037	11159	34819
1960	4020	336	804	15579	9876	30614
1961	4176	267	858	16775	9763	21839
1962	4044	310	878	15332	10452	31016
1963	3933	299	887	14002	10679	29800
1964	3852	193	598	14097	9978	28718
1965	3222	119	453	12856	8895	25545
1966	3339	43	487	15252	8206	27327
1967	3709	55	858	12593	6454	23669
1968	3339	42	442	11695	7967	23485
1969	3010	117	427	8633	7872	20052
1970	3016	176	350	8963	7137	19642
1971	2850	111	273	8245	7663	19142
1972	2652	45	206	6599	7431	16933

PUBLIC HEALTH AND HOUSING ACTS

HOUSING DEFECTS REMEDIED DURING THE YEAR

Chimney stacks repaired	5
Roofs renewed and repaired	16
External walls made good... ..	16
Defective drainage systems made good	9
Drainage stoppages cleared	26
Electric wiring made good	2
W.C's. repaired/renewed... ..	9
Floors repaired/relaid	16
Doors renewed/repared	4
Windows renewed/repared	27
Staircases made good	2
Accumulations of rubbish removed	5
Walls and ceilings replastered	78
Premises disinfested/fumigated	3
Rain water fall pipes/gutters repaired	16
New sinks fitted	5
Inadequate water supply improved	2
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DISINFESTATION AND DISINFECTION

Thirty-two premises were treated for ants and 25 premises disinfested for various insect pests. Additionally, the department was called upon to deal with the eradication of 97 wasps nests.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Household refuse is collected weekly and generally hotels and restaurants are given a twice weekly collection service. During the season particularly where storage space is limited the refuse was removed from some hotels and restaurants more frequently.

The disposal of refuse is by controlled tipping with the use of a mechanical shovel for efficiency on the land at Paddock Lane. Fly and other insect pests control measures with approved insecticides are carried out daily during warm weather periods, and the tip is subjected to frequent rodent control measures.

CAMPING AND CARAVAN SITES

Site	Type of site	No. of Caravans	Facilities provided
Avon Park Camp Warwick Road	Summer	249	R FFA WS D SA L
Rayford Caravan Park Tiddington Road	Summer	229	R FFA WS D SA L
The Elms Camp Tiddington Road	Summer	115	R FFA WS D SA L
Land fronting Paddock Lane	Residential	1	R FP HS FFA WS D SA
Oxstalls Farm Warwick Road	Residential	2	R FP HS FFA WS D SA
Tollgate Warwick Road	Residential	6	R FP HS FFA WS D SA

R Roads
 FP Footpath
 HS Hardstanding
 FFA Fire Fighting Apparatus
 WS Water Supply
 D Drainage
 L Laundry Facilities
 SA Sanitary Accommodation Blocks

From the 1972 season the permitted number of caravans allowed on the site at The Elms Camp, Tiddington Road was increased from 90 to 115 on 7.3 acres. Before the season commenced an old sanitary accommodation block was demolished and replaced with a new modern block linked up with an existing accommodation block of recent construction to provide sufficient toilets, wash hand basins, showers and laundry facilities to meet the recommended standards for the increased number of caravans allowed on the site.

RODENT CONTROL

During the year a regular survey and treatment has been maintained and carried out in addition to contract work. This is reflected in the fact that no reservoir or major infestations of rats were required to be dealt with. The refuse tip and sewage disposal works received regular attention.

Number of properties treated:

- (1) Non-agricultural—296
- (2) Agricultural—117

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH INSPECTIONS OF THE DISTRICT

Inspection of premises P.H. Act...	...	...	...	...	...	...	154
Filthy and verminous premises ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Miscellaneous visits ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	235
Dairies and milk vendors ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Bakehouses ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Cafes, hotels and restaurant kitchens ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	146
Butchers' shops/cooked meat shops ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Grocers shops ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Greengrocers ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Confectioners/sweet shops ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Fish premises ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Other food premises ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	100
Ice cream premises ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Visits re: unsound food ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	185
Markets ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
Shops act ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Infectious diseases ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Premises disinfested/disinfected ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	75
Rodent control ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	458
Refuse collection and disposal ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	28
Camping grounds/caravans ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	64
Factories P/N.P. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Drains tested and inspected ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	34
Slaughterhouses ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	629
Noise Abatement Act ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	136
Clean Air Act ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	35
Housing inspections/survey ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	697
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	172
Food poisoning visits ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19
Fowl pest visits ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Water supply/samples ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Watercourse ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
Animal Boarding Establishment inspections	1
Imported Food Regulations	5

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FACTORIES ACT, 1961: PART 1 OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for the purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises	No. on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, are to be enforced by Local Authority	19	14	3	0
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	72	7	1	0
(3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	0	0	0	0
Total	91	21	4	0

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Remarks	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	Referred by H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1.)	3	2	0	0	0
Overcrowding (S.2.)	0	0	0	0	0
Unreasonable temperature (S.3.)	0	0	0	0	0
Inadequate ventilation (S.4.)	0	0	0	0	0
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6.)	2	2	0	0	0
Sanitary conveniences (S.7.)					
(a) Insufficient	1	1	0	0	0
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1	0	0	0
(c) Not separate for sexes	0	0	0	0	0
Total	7	6	0	0	0

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

The total number of premises on the register at the end of the year was 421. A further 19 newly registered premises received a general inspection and a total of 108 premises were visited for the purpose of the provisions of the Act.

MINOR CONTRAVENTIONS FOUND				IMPROVEMENT MADE			
Floors, passages and stairs	...	...	4	Want of cleanliness	...	...	3
Washing facilities	...	...	6	Overcrowding remedied	...	...	1
First aid kits	...	...	5	Sanitary accommodation			
Other matters...	...	...	2	provided/repaired	...	...	4
Cleanliness	...	...	3	Washing facilities provided	...	...	5
Clothing accommodation	...	...	2	First aid boxes provided	...	...	4
Sanitary conveniences	...	...	4	Clothing accommodation	...	...	1
				Floors made good	...	...	2
				Machinery protected...	...	...	1

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1957

A renewal licence was issued for the keeping of one premise as a pet shop.

NOISE ABATEMENT

Complaints were received during the year about noise nuisances in several situations. A nuisance from the loudness of taped music from a garage forecourt early in the morning and especially on Sundays was resolved by restricting the hours of playing and ensuring that the music could not be heard by residents in the adjoining houses. Similarly, a complaint about the noise experienced from a factory process starting at a rather early morning hour was mitigated with the willing co-operation of the management arranging a later start by the employees. The lady occupying the dwelling contiguous with the factory premise expressed satisfaction at this compromise.

Noise from engineering presses during the night shifts at two industrial estate factories gave rise to complaints from occupants of houses opposite. Thorough investigations were carried out to assess the prevalence and degree of noise annoyance and a nuisance was established. It was suggested that consideration be given to the possibility of adjusting production so that plant causing the noise levels which gave rise to the complaints was not operated after 11 p.m. Meanwhile a petition signed by residents of 21 houses was sent to the Council registering and expressing objection and concern at the excessive noise throughout the night resulting in restless and disturbed sleep. At the end of the year at the wish of the Council, and before taking any necessary enforcement action the situation was being jointly discussed with the residents, factory management and the Housing and Health Committee to amicably resolve the difficult problem of ameliorating the situation of night work which the residents complained about and meet the needs of factory production schedules.

In addition an assessment of traffic noise levels affecting a junior school sited at the junction of two busy through-traffic roads controlled by traffic lights was carried out. The noise levels recorded in the playground outside the rooms did not exceed the permissible statutory noise levels laid down in regulations as the locations were 27 ft. and 36 ft. from the nearest part of the carriageways. Nevertheless traffic noise level was recorded inside the school classrooms in excess of 55 dBA which is the suggested upper limit in buildings in which communication by speech is of great importance. A detailed report was submitted to the School's Parent Teachers Association at their request.

Investigations of the noise complaints required frequent and lengthy visits late at night and early morning hours. Assessing noise nuisances, when sleep

disturbance is involved poses special problems. In a newspaper report it was noted that town visitors to the Swiss Alpine countryside complain that the tinkle of cowbells disturbs their sleep!!!! A request to prohibit the grazers from putting cowbells on their cows at night was refused. The bells prevent cattle from being lost. In the field of noise nuisance investigations the adage that "one man's heavenly music is another man's sonic boom" is truly more than apt.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The new sewage treatment works at Milcote are now fully commissioned and are working well. No great difficulties have occurred during the year, except complaints from neighbouring residents in Stratford-on-Avon Rural District over the other side of the River Avon of noise. This noise takes the form of a whine and comes from the aerators. The Borough Council have taken steps to shroud these aerators, which considerably reduced the noise, but the shrouding has presented a further problem since the aerators now over-heat and steps have had to be taken to provide forced ventilation.

Now that the works have been fully commissioned for some months the Borough Engineer has been unable to assess the amount of secondary sludge produced by the aeration unit and its de-watering characteristics. Additional tankers of a larger capacity will have to be purchased to deal with the volume of sludge produced and which is sprayed in neighbouring fields with the permission of the owners. This stop gap situation cannot continue indefinitely since it can be so offensive.

WATER SUPPLY

All the water in the Borough is provided by the South Warwickshire Water Board from its various sources of supply, the local sources being deep bore-holes. The supply of water has been ample and of good quality. There has been some sedimentation where there are blind ends to the mains, but generally speaking this has been remedied by routine flushing.

There are still certain properties in the Borough where the service pipes are of lead. A watch has been kept on the lead content of the water, particularly first thing in the morning. No undue lead content has been discovered.

Most of the sources of water in the Borough are now dosed with fluoride. Further mention of this is made in the introduction to the report.

The Rural District of Alcester

Public Health Inspector

G. V. BLACKBROUGH, A.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I., M.R.I.P.H.H.

Surveyor

I. C. WILLIAMS, A.R.I.C.S., A.M.I.P.H.E.

Area of District (acres)	...	...	...	...	...	37,524
Population (estimated mid 1972)	...	...	...	...	...	19,460
Rateable Value at 1st April, 1972	...	...	...	...	...	£777,123
Product of Penny Rate	...	...	...	...	...	£7,396

VITAL STATISTICS

				Males	Female	Total
ESTIMATED MID-YEAR HOME						
POPULATION ...	...	...	...	—	—	19,460
LIVE BIRTHS						
Total ...	...	...	...	151	148	299
Legitimate ...	...	...	...	139	138	277
Illegitimate ...	...	...	...	12	10	22
STILLBIRTHS						
Total ...	...	...	...	0	2	2
Legitimate ...	...	...	...	0	2	2
Illegitimate ...	...	...	...	0	0	0
TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS						
Total ...	...	...	...	151	150	301
Legitimate ...	...	...	...	139	140	279
Illegitimate ...	...	...	...	12	10	22
DEATHS OF INFANTS						
Under one year of age						
Total ...	...	...	...	2	2	4
Legitimate ...	...	...	...	2	2	4
Illegitimate ...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Under four weeks of age						
Total ...	...	...	...	1	1	2
Legitimate ...	...	...	...	1	1	2
Illegitimate ...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Under one week of age						
Total ...	...	...	...	1	1	2
Legitimate ...	...	...	...	1	1	2
Illegitimate ...	...	...	...	0	0	0
DEATHS—ALL AGES	...	...	...	111	99	210

RATES

	Local area	England and Wales
LIVE BIRTH RATES, ETC.		
Live births per 1,000 home population (crude rate)	15.4	14.8
Area comparability factor	.96	1.00
Local adjusted rate	14.8	14.8
Ratio of local adjusted rate to national rate	1.00	1.00
Illegitimate livebirths as percentage of all live births	7	9
STILLBIRTH RATE		
Stillbirths per 1,000 total live and still births	7	12
INFANT MORTALITY RATES		
Deaths under one year per 1,000 live births	13	17
Deaths of legitimate infants under one year per 1,000 legitimate live births	14	17
Deaths of illegitimate infants under one year per 1,000 illegitimate live births	0	21
NEONATAL MORTALITY RATE		
Deaths under four weeks per 1,000 live births	7	12
EARLY NEONATAL MORTALITY RATE		
Deaths under one week per 1,000 total live births	7	10
PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE		
Stillbirths and deaths under one week combined, per 1,000 total live and still births	13	22
DEATH RATES, ETC.—ALL AGES		
Deaths per 1,000 home population (crude rate)	10.8	12.1
Area comparability factor	.98	1.00
Local adjusted rate	10.6	21.1
Ratio of local adjusted rate to national rate	.87	1.00

HOUSING

Total number of dwellings in the District at 31st December, 1972 6,864

COUNCIL HOUSES

Total ... 1,696

Number of houses built in 1972 ... 41

Number of houses in course of erection at 31st December, 1972 ... 18

Number of applicants for Council Houses... 589

of which 117 are from outside the District, 401 in houses, remainder in lodgings or caravans.

REMEDY OF HOUSING DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR

(1) By informal action ... 31

(2) By formal action under Public Health Acts ... 9

(3) By action under Section 9 of Housing Act, 1957 ... 6

(4) By action under Section 16 of the Housing Act, 1957... ...

(a) Number of representations made... 42

(b) Number of demolitions made ... 8

(c) Number of houses about which undertakings have been accepted from owners to repair and improve ... 6

(d) Number of houses about which undertakings have been accepted from owners not to re-let ... 9

(e) Closing Orders under Section 17 of Housing Act, 1957... 19

(f) Closing Orders under Section 18 of Housing Act, 1957... 0

(5) By action under Section 42 of Housing Act, 1957

(a) Number of representations made... 0

(b) Number of Clearance Areas declared ... 0

(c) Number of houses involved ... 0

(d) Number of Clearance Orders made ... 0

(e) Number of Compulsory Purchase Orders made... 0

(f) Number of Clearance Orders confirmed... 0

(g) Number of Compulsory Purchase Orders confirmed ... 0

(h) Number of houses demolished ... 27

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE DISTRICT

Food premises	52
Food inspection	72
Food stalls	3
Contamination of food	4
Licensed premises	12
Clean air	22
Housing investigations for rehousing and lodgers in Council houses...	42
Housing inspection under Public Health and Housing Acts	265
Provision of dustbins	12
Sanitary accommodation	34
Drainage matters... ..	94
Water samples (bacteriological)... ..	6
Water samples (fluoride)... ..	104
Water supplies	23
Dirty premises	10
Verminous premises	8
Factories	16
Tips	143
Ditches	4
Caravan sites, including squatting by tinkers	92
Temporary structures	4
Rent Act	2
Refuse collection... ..	172
Smoke nuisance	4
Noise nuisance	40
Rodent control supervision	10
Food inspection	72
Food stalls	3
Keeping of animals	4
Boarding kennels... ..	4
Waste disposal	5
Slaughter houses	19
Qualification certificates... ..	14
Maintenance of refuse vehicles	69
Removal of vehicles	101

RENT ACT, 1957, AND HOUSING ACT, 1969

During the year there have been no applications or action taken under the Rent Act. Eight applications have been received for Qualification Certificates under the Housing Act. Provisional approval given in respect of three, one withdrawal, and four refusals involving fourteen visits.

NOISE ABATEMENT ACT, 1960

During the year 40 investigations have taken place as a result of complaints regarding noise nuisance from lorries going through streets, more so at night, bird scarers, motor car repairs and formal action taken in respect of one family in connection with barking dogs.

CLEAN AIR ACTS, 1956 AND 1968

Recording apparatus in operation at Alcester and Studley. Two applications were received under the Height of Chimney Regulations, both were approved after modifications.

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS

Seventy-two inspections have been carried out under the regulations and the following improvements recorded:

Ventilation...	...	...	...	...	4
Wash-hand basins...	...	...	...	...	4
Hot and cold water	...	...	...	...	3
First aid materials...	...	...	...	...	2
Dirty floors	...	...	...	...	3
Food storage improved	...	...	...	...	4
Notices displayed	...	...	...	...	4
Screening of food	...	...	...	...	6

UNSOUND FOOD

The following has been voluntarily surrendered to prevent it being used for human consumption:

2	tinned jam
55	tinned tomatoes
38	tinned fruit
29	tinned vegetables
11	tinned meat products
12	tinned meat
18	tinned fish
3	tinned pudding
677	packets frozen foods

WATER SUPPLIES

Six water samples were taken for bacteriological testing of which two proved to be satisfactory. The water mains in the southern area of the district is flouridated and two samples weekly taken for examination by the County Council. The results prove to be varied.

FOOD AND DRUG ACTS

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960

	No. of premises	No. complying with Reg. 16	No. complying with Reg. 19
Bakehouse	1	1	1
Butchers' shops	12	12	12
Licensed premises	49	49	49
Clubs	12	12	10
Licensed restaurants	2	2	2
Snack bars	2	2	2
Fish and chip shops	4	4	4
Grocers' shops	48	48	40
Cafes	9	9	9
Slaughterhouses	2	2	2

(a) PREMISES REGISTERED UNDER SECTION 16

Ice Cream	90
Preparation of sausages, etc.	9

(b) NUMBER OF INSPECTIONS OF FOOD PREMISES

No ice cream is manufactured in the district. Eighty-eight firms are registered for storage and sale of ice cream supplied by large manufacturing firms.

No samples were taken during the year.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963 AND PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

One establishment is licensed to board 56 dogs and 12 cats under the Animal Boarding Act.

One establishment is licensed under the Pet Animals Act. On inspection the premises were found suitable and kept satisfactory.

CIVIC AMENITIES ACT, 1967

Arrangements with a firm of vehicle dismantlers is still in operation for the removal and disposal of vehicles in the sum of £2 each. During the year 12 vehicles were removed by this firm and 14 vehicles by the owners.

RODENT CONTROL

The Council employs one full-time operative. Contracts numbered 75 at December, 1972 – value £895.50. Number of properties inspected following notification (including nearby premises):

1. Dwellings	...	...	...	607
2. Business premises	...	...	...	9
3. Agricultural premises	...	...	...	73
4. Council properties	...	...	...	30

Number of infestations discovered:

1. Dwellings	...	...	...	312
2. Business premises	...	...	...	9
3. Agricultural premises	...	...	...	73
4. Council properties	...	...	...	9

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

A nine-day refuse collection service is being maintained.

Two new refuse collection vehicles have been obtained, a seven ton capacity Revopak and a 60 cubic yard direct thrust vehicle. These vehicles cater for the increased volume of refuse collection in the Alcester and Studley areas.

Planning permission has been obtained to use a proportion of the railway cutting at the rear of the allotments, Stratford Road, Bidford-on-Avon, as a controlled refuse disposal tip when the one at Kinwarton is filled in mid 1973.

CARAVAN SITES

Site	Type of site	No. of caravans	Facilities provided
Abbots Salford	Summer	234	S L R FP FFA WS D SA
Fish Hotel Wixford	Summer	14	R FFA WS D SA L A
Golden Cross Exhall	Summer	15	R FFA WS D SA
Mill House Aston Cantlow	Summer	40	R FFA WS D SA L
Willowdene Wilmcote	Residential	15	R FFA WS D L S FP SA
Oversley Mill Alcester	Residential	64	R FFA WS D L S FP
Hoo Mill Alcester	Summer	100	R FFA WS D SA
Three Horse Shoes Wixford	Summer	18	R P FFA WS SA S
Mill Meadow Salford Priors	Summer	47	R FFA WS D SA S
Welford Road Barton	Summer	20	R F FFA WS D SA
Grange Road Bidford	Summer	15	R FFA WS D SA
Outhill Farm Studley	Summer	30	R FFA WS D SA
Woodcote Aston Cantlow Road Wilmcote	Residential	50	R FFA WS D L S FP WC T

In addition there are 12 sites involving 30 caravans

R	Roads	S	Storage space
FFA	Fire fighting apparatus	FP	Footpath
WS	Water supply	SA	Sanitary accommodation blocks
D	Drainage	WC	Water closet to each caravan standing
L	Laundry facilities	T	Telephone

As yet the County Council have not provided a site for gypsies and other travellers as required by the Caravan Sites Act, 1968. There are usually up to fifteen caravans on selected road side verges and a small site could be arranged adjoining any of these haunts. The police have assisted in a number of cases in keeping the caravans moving. These families usually make a nuisance that cannot be controlled when no site is provided.

Formal action was taken against the stationing of approximately 14 caravans used for residential purposes on a site at Pathlow. The Stratford-on-Avon magistrates fined the owner of the land the sum of £25 with £10 advocates fee.

MEAT INSPECTION
CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE
OR IN PART

	Cattle excludg. Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	4123	—	41	21671	2187	—
Number inspected	4123	—	41	21671	2187	—
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci: Whole carcasses condemned	2	—	—	10	3	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	529	—	5	890	147	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci	12.87	—	12.19	4.15	6.85	—
Tuberculosis only Whole carcasses condemned	1	—	—	3	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	1	11	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	0.024	—	—	.018	0.502	—
Cysticercosis: Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	—	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—

FACTORIES ACT, 1961: PART 1 OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises (1)	No. on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(1) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	9	2	0	0
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	120	14	1	0
(3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	0	0	0	0
Total	129	16	1	0

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred to H.M. Inspector (4)	Referred by H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1.)	6	6	1	0	0
Overcrowding (S.2.)	0	0	0	0	0
Unreasonable temperature (S.3.)	3	3	0	0	0
Inadequate ventilation (S.4.)	1	1	0	0	0
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6.)	0	0	0	0	0
Sanitary conveniences (S.7.)					
(a) Insufficient	8	7	3	0	0
(b) Unsuitable or defective	2	2	0	0	0
(c) Not separate for sexes	4	4	0	0	0
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out-work)	9	9	0	0	0
Total	33	32	0	0	0

THE OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Table A
REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

Class of premises	Number of premises newly registered during the year	Total number of registered premises at end of year	Number of registered premises receiving one or more general inspections during the year
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Offices	4	48	9
Retail shops	—	67	12
Wholesale shops, warehouses	1	13	14
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	2	33	26
Fuel storage depots	—	1	1
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Totals	7	162	62

Table B

**NUMBER OF VISITS OF ALL KINDS
(INCLUDING GENERAL INSPECTION) TO REGISTERED PREMISES**
62

Table C

**ANALYSIS BY WORKPLACE OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN
REGISTERED PREMISES AT END OF YEAR**

Class of workplace (1)	Number of persons employed (2)
Offices	333
Retail shops	275
Wholesale departments, warehouses	175
Catering establishments open to the public	200
Canteens	29
Fuel storage depots	5
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	Total 1017
	Total males 427
	Total females 590

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Unfortunately, progress in the provision of the village sewerage and sewage treatment schemes in the Rural District has been slow, even though the need for this modern provision is vital. As I reported in my 1971 Report, the schemes are three in number and progress has only been made where the Northern scheme is concerned. There have been difficulties in obtaining tenders for this work, following the withdrawal of one tenderer, whose price had been accepted.

Work has now started on the provision of sewers from Mappleborough Green and the northern part of Studley, which will drain to the Spennall treatment works of the Redditch Development Corporation. The agreement with the Rural District Council has been signed so that there are now no longer difficulties about the treatment of this drainage.

The second part of the Northern scheme, which deals with the drainage from the village of Sambourne, is also in progress, and it is hoped that the scheme will be completed during 1973.

Where the Central and Southern schemes are concerned, work unfortunately has not yet started.

WATER SUPPLIES

There has been no change in the supply of water to the Rural District, which is provided by the East Worcestershire Waterworks Company. The fluoridation of water for the Bidford-on-Avon area continues to be satisfactory, though there have been variations in the dosage at times, due to technical trouble. Fluoridation elsewhere in the Rural District has not yet been implemented. The quality of the water has been good and there is no plumbo-solvency.

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The Rural District of Shipston-on-Stour

Chief Public Health Inspector and Surveyor

R. HANCOCK, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector

R. G. MORGAN, M.A.P.H.I.

Area of District (Hectars) ...	...	...	...	...	21,586
Population (estimated mid 1972) ...	...	...	...	...	10,710
Rateable Value at 1st April, 1972 ...	...	...	...	...	£374,296
Product of Penny Rate 1972/73 ...	...	...	...	...	£3,515

VITAL STATISTICS

				Male	Female	Total
ESTIMATED MID-YEAR HOME						
POPULATION	...	...	...	...	...	10,710
LIVE BIRTHS						
Total	...	...	...	70	62	132
Legitimate	...	...	...	63	56	119
Illegitimate	...	...	...	7	6	13
STILLBIRTHS						
Total	...	...	...	2	1	3
Legitimate	...	...	...	2	0	2
Illegitimate	...	...	...	0	1	1
TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS						
Total	...	...	...	72	63	135
Legitimate	...	...	...	65	56	121
Illegitimate	...	...	...	7	7	14
DEATHS OF INFANTS						
Under one year of age						
Total	...	...	...	1	1	2
Legitimate	...	...	...	1	1	2
Illegitimate	...	...	...	0	0	0
Under four weeks of age						
Total	...	...	...	1	1	2
Legitimate	...	...	...	1	1	2
Illegitimate	...	...	...	0	0	0
Under one week of age						
Total	...	...	...	1	1	2
Legitimate	...	...	...	1	1	2
Illegitimate	...	...	...	0	0	0
DEATHS—ALL AGES	...	...	...	68	75	143

RATES

	Local Authority Area	England and Wales
LIVE BIRTH RATES, ETC.		
Live births per 1,000 home population (crude rate)	12.3	14.8
Area comparability factor	1.11	1.00
Local adjusted rate	13.7	14.8
Ratio of local adjusted rate to national rate	.92	1.00
Illegitimate live births as percentage of all live births	10	9
STILLBIRTH RATE		
Stillbirths per 1,000 total live and still births	22	12
INFANT MORTALITY RATES		
Deaths under one year per 1,000 live births	15	17
Deaths of legitimate infants under one year per 1,000 legitimate live births	17	17
Deaths of illegitimate infants under one year per 1,000 illegitimate live births	0	21
NEONATAL MORTALITY RATE		
Deaths under four weeks per 1,000 live births	15	12
EARLY NEONATAL MORTALITY RATE		
Deaths under one week per 1,000 total live births	15	10
PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE		
Stillbirths and deaths under one week combined, per 1,000 total live and still births	37	22
DEATH RATES, ETC.—ALL AGES		
Deaths per 1,000 home population (crude rate)	13.4	12.1
Area comparability factor	.63	1.00
Local adjusted rate	8.4	12.1
Ratio of local adjusted rate to national rate	.70	1.00

HOUSING

Total number of dwellings in the district at 31st December, 1972 (estimated) 4,209

COUNCIL HOUSES

Number of council houses at 31st December, 1972	1,113
Number of council houses at 31st December, 1971	1,101
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Number of council houses built in 1972	12 – increase 1.1 %
Number of council houses under construction ...	2

PRIVATE HOUSES

Number of private houses built in 1972	25
Number of houses demolished in 1972	3
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Increase in private dwellings	22
Number of private houses under construction	...		26

TOTAL DWELLINGS

Total dwellings at 31st December, 1972	4,209
Total dwellings at 31st December, 1971	4,175
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Increase in number of dwellings in 1972	34 – increase 0.8%

COUNCIL HOUSES – APPLICATIONS

Number of applicants for council houses	210
Number of applicants for council house exchange	37

REMEDY OF HOUSING DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR

(1) By informal action	...	...	...	...	...	10
(2) By formal action under Public Health Act	...	...	...	...	...	0
(3) By action under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1957	...	...	...	...	...	0
(4) By action under Section 16 of the Housing Act, 1957:						
(a) Number of representations made	...	...	...	...	...	11
(b) Number of demolition orders made	...	...	...	...	...	5
(c) Number of houses about which undertakings have been accepted from owners to repair and improve	...	...	...	...	...	0
(d) Number of houses about which undertakings have been accepted from owners not to re-let	...	...	...	...	...	1
(e) Closing Orders under Section 17 of the Housing Act, 1957	...	...	...	...	...	5
(f) Closing Orders under Section 18 of the Housing Act, 1957	...	...	...	...	...	0
(5) By action under Section 42 of the Housing Act, 1957:						
(a) Number of representations made	...	...	...	...	...	0
(b) Number of Clearance areas declared	...	...	...	...	...	0
(c) Number of houses involved	...	...	...	...	...	0
(d) Number of Clearance Orders made	...	...	...	...	...	0
(e) Number of Clearance Orders confirmed	...	...	...	...	...	0
(f) Number of houses demolished	...	...	...	...	...	0

DISCRETIONARY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS – HOUSING ACT, 1969

(a) Number of applications received	(1) Owner occupier	...	...	30
	(2) Tenanted	...	...	6
(b) Number of grants made	...	...	...	36
(c) Number of dwellings affected	...	...	...	36
(d) Total amount of grants made	...	...	...	£28,280

STANDARD IMPROVEMENT GRANTS – HOUSE PURCHASE AND HOUSING ACT, 1959,
AND HOUSING ACT, 1969

(a) Number of applications received	(1) Owner occupier	...	...	3
	(2) Tenanted	...	...	0
(b) Number of grants made	...	...	...	3
(c) Number of dwellings affected	...	...	...	3
(d) Total amount of grant	...	...	...	£825

RENT ACT, 1957

Number of applications for certificates	...	...	...	...	0
Number of decisions not to issue certificates	...	...	...	...	0
Number of decisions to issue certificates	...	...	...	...	0
Number of undertakings given to landlord under paragraph 5 of the First Schedule	...	...	...	...	0
Number of undertakings refused by local authorities under proviso to paragraph 5 of the First Schedule	...	...	...	...	0
Number of certificates issued	...	...	...	...	0
Applications by landlords to local authority for cancellation certificates	...	...	...	...	0

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

DWELLINGS IMPROVED

Total number of grants authorised to 31st December, 1972	...	...	807
Total number of council houses improved to 31st December, 1972	...	...	254
			<hr/> 1,061 <hr/>

The number of applications for improvement grants is very much the same as last year, which is rather disappointing, when every incentive is given to owners to modernise and improve their property. I feel that in the future a more vigorous use of the housing acts is needed to speed up the general improvement and repair of property in the district.

Work has progressed on the Council's procedure of improving the pre-1955 Council Houses. At the end of the year 35 had been completed and 75 were under contract. The remainder, 307 houses, are to be programmed to be either completed or at least under contract by the 1st April, 1974. Of these, 47 are being carried out by the Council's own staff and the rest by outside architects.

LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING

The Council's housing stock increased by twelve dwellings during the year, bringing the total dwellings owned by the Authority up to 1,113. There are at present two under construction and 69 programmed for future sites at Whichford, Brailes, Tysoe and Shipston-on-Stour. With the increased number of applicants for council houses now standing at 210, and increasing fairly rapidly month by month, the Council have decided to negotiate for future building land at Shipston-on-Stour, Ilmington, Newbold-on-Stour and Halford, which could cater for a further 100 dwellings.

Six council houses have been sold, but due to the fluctuating high prices appertaining towards the end of the year, the sale of council houses was suspended pending a return to more stable price conditions.

HOUSING ACT, 1957

SLUM CLEARANCE

There is no problem of slum clearance in this district as such and isolated cases of unfit houses are dealt with as they arise. Emphasis is placed on the repair and improvement of property where this is possible and demolition only considered to be the answer where this is absolutely necessary after having considered all aspects of the individual case involved.

The records of action taken, both informally and formally, is as follows:

Demolition orders made (outstanding)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Houses demolished	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Houses closed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Undertakings to repair (outstanding)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
Closing orders (outstanding)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Houses repaired	7
Official representations awaiting decision	5
Houses outstanding	55
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SANITARY INSPECTION OF DISTRICT—VISITS MADE

Inspection of premises—Public Health Act	628
Slaughterhouses and knacker's yard	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	200
Milk and dairies	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Food premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	325
Ice cream premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
Petroleum stores	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
New buildings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	923
Drains tested	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	390
Ditches, drainage matter and sewerage works	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	43
Water supplies	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Tips	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	107
Filthy and verminous premises, including disinfection	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Caravan sites	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Rodent control, including and in conjunction with other visits (other than rodent operative)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	38
Miscellaneous visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	207
Clean Air Act (records, etc.)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
NOTICES SERVED								
(a) Statutory	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
(b) Informal	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	73
RESULTS OF NOTICES SERVED								
(a) Notices complied with Statutory	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Informal	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	24
(b) Notices outstanding Informal	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	49

DRAINS AND SANITARY ACCOMMODATION

Continued progress has been made during the year with the provision of and alterations to existing drainage systems within the villages where new sewers are being provided. It is the Council's policy to install the new systems at the time the public sewer is laid so that full use is made of the sewers and sewage works immediately they are commissioned.

The owners of isolated farms and cottages take advantage of the Council's scheme whereby such properties can have their septic tanks emptied free of charge once every two years, if this is required, by outside contractors employed by the Council.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

A full plastic sack bin liner scheme for the whole of the rural district was inaugurated during the year, and it will be fully operational by the Spring of 1973, which is 10 months in advance of previous forecasts. At present the majority of the refuse is disposed of at "Stretton Tip", which is placed centrally for the district, but the tipping space is being used up fairly quickly and further disposal facilities will be needed towards the end of next year, which will coincide with the transfer of this function to the Warwickshire County Council with the reorganisation of local government. Early indications show that this is a much more hygienic, quicker and efficient service, which is appreciated by the public, but conversely there are greater problems of disposal because greater areas of tipping space are needed.

NIGHT SOIL COLLECTION

There is no nightsoil collection system organised or necessary in the district. The general practice is for the tenants of the few remaining properties with pail closets to dispose of the contents of the pails in the gardens of the dwellings. Most properties have septic tank systems of drainage where the public sewer is not available, so the problem of nightsoil disposal does not exist.

CAMPING AND CARAVAN SITES

There are no camping sites licensed in the area but there are 18 individual sites that are registered for one caravan only. These sites have only temporary planning consents as it is the general planning policy of this area that existing uses in this pleasant rural district shall be preserved. These caravans are usually occupied either by relatives of the occupiers of adjacent houses, or by people employed in agriculture. Two planning applications to set up permanent large scale caravan sites in the area have been refused.

The Caravan Club have issued eight certificates for sites in this district under paragraph 5 of the first schedule of the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960. One such certificated site has given rise to considerable complaint in the respective village, and I understand that the Caravan Club will not be renewing the licence.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

At the end of the year there were 83 registered premises under the Act, of which 67 had received a general inspection. A number of minor contraventions were found and are being dealt with informally.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS

The undermentioned premises in the district are subject to the Food Hygiene Regulations and are in addition to the Inns and Hotels.

TRADE					NO. OF PREMISES
General stores	...	...	...	...	33
Grocers	...	...	...	...	4
Butchers	...	...	...	...	8
Fishmongers	...	...	...	...	1
Confectioners	...	...	...	...	8
Greengrocers	...	...	...	...	2
Restaurants	...	...	...	...	6
Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	...	2

The Food Standards Committee Report on the date marking of food was published on the 5th July, 1972, and in it the Committee recognised the right of the consumer to be able to purchase food in a fresh and wholesome condition as is technically possible and to know that he is doing so.

During the year a full survey of coded perishable foods sold in the shops in the area brought to light a disturbing picture of stock rotation as practised by retailers. Out of 29 shops in the rural area no less than 55% of these had items on display for sale which were "out of code". Retailers were warned of the dangers of not practising strict stock rotation and advised accordingly on codings where these were known. A follow up survey has shown that a more responsible attitude by retailers to stock rotation is being taken, but it is still essential that food on display for sale is checked during normal routine inspections as this problem still exists until an open code, legible both to customer and retailer, is brought into effect as is recommended by the Food Standards Committee.

PUBLIC HOUSES AND HOTELS

One public house has closed during the year. All the licensed premises were fully inspected, together with all food premises, which resulted in extensive improvements being carried out to numerous public houses, as well as minor improvements to all premises. Further redevelopment of two public houses is pending following representatives of unsatisfactory conditions. The inspections of these licensed premises has brought about an improvement in standards, both from a food hygiene point of view as well as better social amenities for the general public. The co-operation of the licensing justices through their Clerk in helping to improve standards is greatly appreciated.

MEAT INSPECTION

1. Meat inspection is carried out at the two private slaughterhouses in the district. Both are in good structural order, although some minor repairs have been necessary. There has been a slight fall-off in the overall number of animals slaughtered, which may be because of the fluctuating meat prices which have prevailed during the year.

2. All condemned meat and offal is disposed of through bona-fide contracts and taken away regularly for processing.

3. DISEASE AND WEIGHT OF MEAT CONDEMNED

					lbs.
Arthritis	...	...	...	...	153
Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	124
Parasites	...	...	...	...	970
Abscesses	...	...	...	...	603
Injury	...	...	...	...	1,005
Septicaemia	...	...	...	...	2,209
Emaciation	...	...	...	...	250
Angeoma	...	...	...	...	50
Fevered carcasses	...	...	...	...	900
Pleurisy and peritonitis	...	...	...	...	459
Pericarditis	...	...	...	...	24
Moribund	...	...	...	...	240
Uticaria	...	...	...	...	17
Tumours	...	...	...	...	72
					<hr/> 7,076 <hr/>

OTHER CONDEMNED FOODS

					lbs.
Fish (fresh)	...	...	...	...	56
Canned meat	...	...	...	...	20
Other foods	...	...	...	...	14
					<hr/> 90 <hr/>

POULTRY INSPECTION

There are no poultry processing premises within this rural district.

KNACKER'S YARD

There is only one knacker's yard in the area. The remote premises are periodically inspected and there has been no cause for complaint during the year. As a result of the Meat (Sterilisation) Regulations, 1969, a sterilisation plant was installed at the premises. No live animals are kept on these premises awaiting slaughter.

**CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE
OR IN PART**

	Cattle excludg. Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	315	45	47	865	2130	—
Number inspected	315	45	47	865	2130	—
All diseases except tuberculosis and Cysticerci: Whole carcasses condemned	1	4	11	4	17	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	40	23	—	13	63	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with dis- ease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci	13.00	60.00	23.40	1.96	3.75	—
Tuberculosis only: Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	12	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	—	—	—	—	0.56	—
Cysticercosis: Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	2	1	—	—	—	—
Cases submitted to treatment by re- frigeration	—	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—

RODENT CONTROL

The Prevention of Damages by Pests Act, 1949, is implemented in the area and the Council employ a full-time Rodent Operative, who works under the direction of the Public Health Inspector. The operator carries out survey work and treatment and is assisted by additional staff when sewer treatments are carried out. Special attention is given to the treatment of the Council's refuse tips and sewage disposal works. A free domestic service is operated, but farm and business premises are dealt with under a contract system.

SUMMARY OF RODENT CONTROL ACTION

Number of contracts obtained	Annual	...	...	...	...	...	93
	Hourly charge	...	...	...	...	...	6
Value of annual contracts	...	...	...	...	...	...	£950
Value of hourly charge contracts	...	...	...	...	...	...	£11.25
Number of inspections for survey purposes:							
1. Dwellings	...	...	...	...	...	...	460
2. Business premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
3. Farms	...	...	...	...	...	...	55
4. Council property other than tips and sewage works	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Number of infestations discovered:							
1. Dwellings	...	...	...	...	...	...	430
2. Business premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
3. Farms	...	...	...	...	...	...	55
4. Council property	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Number of re-visits for treatment purposes	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,939
Number of treatments completed	...	...	...	...	...	...	499
Number of carcasses picked up	...	...	...	...	...	...	503

WATER SUPPLIES

SUPPLY OF WATER

The supply authority in this area is the South Warwickshire Water Board, and has been since they took over this responsibility in 1963. Water is drawn from the North Cotswold Rural District, Ebrington Springs, a borehole at Stratford-on-Avon, and more recently the supply can be supplemented from Leamington Spa. This latter source was made available to the district about three years ago and with this comprehensive network of mains the supply has been sufficient in quantity.

QUALITY OF WATER

Weekly check samples are taken by the Water Board for analysis and there have been no reports of unsatisfactory conditions. The water is classed as "hard", and although investigations were carried out with regard to the installation of water softening equipment, this was not proceeded with owing to cost. Another factor that arose at the time of this discussion by the Water Board was the fact that a recent article had been published in the "Lancet" about the relation of the incidence of thrombosis to the soft water areas in the country.

All the public supplies are chlorinated at source and there has been no action necessary for contamination of water supplies in the district. During the year the water from Leamington Spa which supplements the supply to the Tysoe district has been treated with fluoride. The supplies to the rest of the Council's area is not treated in this way.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The Sewage Scheme for the villages of Whichford and Ascott is virtually complete except for a few house connections which have to be carried out under the contract.

The scheme for Barton-on-the-Heath, Great Wolford, Little Wolford, and Todenham was approved in principle by the Department of the Environment in May, 1972, and a tender was accepted in the sum of £193,914 by the Council in December, 1972. The whole scheme will take approximately two years to complete.

During the year a small pumping station and rising main were constructed and brought into operation at Washbrook Place, Ilmington, at a cost of £7,074. The sewage from this part of Ilmington now drains to the main village sewage works, and the original disposal housing site type works has now been dismantled and the land returned to agriculture.

The Council have agreed to negotiate a tender for the enlargement of the village sewage works at Ilmington at an estimated cost of £26,500. The existing works has been in operation for approximately 17 years and due to development over the years, it has become overloaded, and greater capacity is needed for further housing development within the village.

SEWERAGE 1972
(Estimated population)

No.	Villages	Houses	Population	Date of Operation	Remarks
	FULLY SEWERED				
1	Honington (part)	69	172	1909	
2	Shipston-on-Stour	897	2,270	1918	{ Disposal Works Rebuilt 1970
3	Ilmington Part I }	254	603	1957	{ To Ilmington
4	Ilmington Part II }			1959	{ Disposal Works
5	Stretton-on-Fosse	125	298	1959	
6	Upper Brailes }				{ To Cherington
7	Lower Brailes }	327	838	1960	{ Disposal Works
8	Sutton-under-Brailes	41	102	1960	{ To Cherington
9	Stourton	59	146	1961	{ Disposal Works
10	Little Compton	114	271	1961	
11	Long Compton	237	629	1961	
12	Upper Tysoe }				{ To Tysoe
13	Middle Tysoe }	354	872	1962	{ Disposal Works
14	Lower Tysoe }				{ Works
15	Idlicote	34	75	1963	
16	Butlers Marston	68	169	1966	{ To Butlers
17	Pillerton Hersey	48	118	1966	{ Marston
18	Pillerton Priors	78	193	1966	{ Disposal Works
19	Oxhill	100	236	1968	{ To Oxhill
20	Whatcote	39	97	1968	{ Disposal Works
21	Armscote	49	120	1969	
22	Blackwell	51	126	1969	
23	Darlingscote	36	88	1969	
24	Newbold-on-Stour	151	371	1969	
25	Tredington	204	486	1969	
26	Halford	116	272	1969	
27	Honington	69	173	1969	
28	Burmington	45	110	1970	
29	Tidmington	12	29	1970	
30	Willington	27	66	1970	
31	Cherington	99	232	1960	{ To Cherington Disposal Works
32	Whichford	88	214	1972	{ To Disposal Works at Whichford
33	Ascott	27	66	1972	
	SCHEMES IN COURSE OF PREPARATION				
1	Barton-on-the-Heath	40	100	Approved by Dept. of Env. Tender accepted Dec. '72	{ To Disposal Works at Nethercote
2	Great Wulford	59	148		
3	Little Wulford	49	120		
	NO ACTION REQUIRED				
1	Compton Wynyates	8	19		{ Mostly Scattered Farmsteads
2	Winderton	20	49		

FACTORIES ACT, 1961: PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTION for the purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises (1)	No. on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(1) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	7	4	0	0
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	85	25	6	0
(3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	12	4	0	0
Total	104	33	6	0

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases").

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred to H.M. Inspector (4)	Referred by H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	4	4	0	0	0
Overcrowding (S.2)	0	0	0	0	0
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	0	0	0	0	0
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	0	0	0	0	0
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	0	0	0	0	0
Sanitary conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	0	0	0	0	0
(b) Unsuitable or defective	2	1	0	0	0
(c) Not separate for sexes	0	0	0	0	0
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	0	0	0	0	0
Total	6	5	0	0	0

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The Rural District of Stratford-on-Avon

Chief Public Health Inspector

J. W. BOULTON, M.A.P.H.I.

Certificate of Meat and Foods

District Public Health Inspector

Miss W. L. SPENCE, M.A.P.H.I., P.H.I.E.B. Dip. to November 1972

S. C. GOULD, M.A.P.H.I., from February 1973

Certificate of Meat and Foods

Surveyor and Engineer

J. WOOD, F.I.A.S., A.M.I.S.E., M.R.S.H.

Area of District (acres)	...	...	...	...	...	86,464
Population (estimated mid 1972)	...	...	...	...	...	30,760
Rateable Value at 1st April, 1972	...	...	...	...	...	£1,198,537
Product of Penny Rate	...	...	...	...	...	£11,630

VITAL STATISTICS

				Male	Female	Total
ESTIMATED MID-YEAR HOME						
POPULATION	...	...	...	...	...	30,760
LIVE BIRTHS						
Total	...	...	...	217	229	446
Legitimate	...	...	...	205	220	425
Illegitimate	...	...	...	12	9	21
STILLBIRTHS						
Total	...	...	...	7	1	8
Legitimate	...	...	...	7	0	7
Illegitimate	...	...	...	0	1	1
TOTAL LIVE AND STILLBIRTHS						
Total	...	...	...	224	230	454
Legitimate	...	...	...	212	220	432
Illegitimate	...	...	...	12	10	22
DEATHS OF INFANTS						
Under one year of age						
Total	...	...	...	5	0	5
Legitimate	...	...	...	5	0	5
Illegitimate	...	...	...	0	0	0
Under four weeks of age						
Total	...	...	...	2	0	2
Legitimate	...	...	...	2	0	2
Illegitimate	...	...	...	0	0	0
Under one week of age						
Total	...	...	...	2	0	2
Legitimate	...	...	...	2	0	2
Illegitimate	...	...	...	0	0	0
DEATHS—ALL AGES	...	...	...	151	144	295

RATES

	Local Authority Area	England and Wales
LIVE BIRTH RATES, ETC.		
Live births per 1,000 home population (crude rate)	14.5	14.8
Area comparability factor	1.03	1.00
Local adjusted rate	14.9	14.8
Ratio of local adjusted rate to national rate	1.01	1.00
Illegitimate live births as percentage of all live births	5	9
STILLBIRTH RATE		
Stillbirths per 1,000 total live and stillbirths	18	12
INFANT MORTALITY RATES		
Deaths under one year per 1,000 live births	11	17
Deaths of legitimate infants under one year per 1,000 legitimate live births	12	17
Deaths of illegitimate infants under one year per 1,000 illegitimate live births	0	21
NEONATAL MORTALITY RATE		
Deaths under four weeks per 1,000 live births	4	12
EARLY NEONATAL MORTALITY RATE		
Deaths under one week per 1,000 total live births	4	10
PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE		
Stillbirths and deaths under one week combined, per 1,000 total live and stillbirths	22	22
DEATH RATES, ETC.—ALL AGES		
Deaths per 1,000 home population (crude rate)	9.6	12.1
Area comparability factor	1.04	1.00
Local adjusted rate	10.0	12.1
Ratio of local adjusted rate to national rate	.83	1.00

HOUSING

Total number of dwellings in the district 31st December, 1972 ... 10,286

COUNCIL HOUSES

Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,974
Number of houses built in 1972	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Number of houses in course of erection at 31st December, 1972:									
Houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Bungalows	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Number of applications for Council Houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	580

1. REMEDY OF HOUSING DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR

(1) By informal action	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	55
(2) By formal action under Public Health Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
(3) By action under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1957	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
(4) By action under Section 16 of the Housing Act, 1957:								
(a) Number of representations made	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
(b) Number of demolitions made	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
(c) Number of houses about which undertakings have been accepted from owners to repair and improve	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
(d) Number of houses about which undertakings have been accepted from owners not to re-let	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
(e) Closing Orders under Section 17 of Housing Act, 1957	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
(f) Closing Orders under Section 18 of Housing Act, 1957	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
(5) By action under Section 42 of Housing Act, 1957:								
(a) Number of representations made	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
(b) Number of Clearance areas declared	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
(c) Number of houses involved	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
(d) Number of Clearance Orders made	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
(e) Number of Clearance Orders confirmed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
(f) Number of houses demolished	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
(6) By Qualification Certificates Housing Act, 1969:								
(a) Number applied for	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
(b) Number granted	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
(c) Number provisional approval	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
(d) Number withdrawn	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
(e) Number refused	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS—HOUSING ACT, 1969

(a) Number of applications received	...	...	...	...	...	...	81
(b) Number of grants approved							
(1) Owner occupied	...	...	...	...	...	...	41
(2) Tenanted	...	...	...	...	...	...	37
(c) Number of dwellings affected	...	...	...	...	...	...	70
(d) Total amounts of grants paid	...	...	...	...	...	...	£30,404

STANDARD GRANTS—HOUSING ACT, 1969

(a) Number of applications received	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
(b) Number of grants approved							
(1) Owner occupied	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
(2) Tenanted	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
(c) Number of dwellings affected	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
(d) Total amounts of grants paid	...	...	...	...	...	...	£2,778

SANITARY INSPECTIONS OF THE DISTRICT

Animal Boarding Establishments	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Butchers' Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17
Cafes, Hotels, Restaurants and Boarding Houses, Canteens and Kitchens	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	175
Caravan Sites	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Clean Air Acts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Drainage	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	251
Factories P/NP	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Filthy and verminous premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Food Premises—General	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	174
Housing visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	179
Ice-cream Premises and Manufacturers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Individual Caravans	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
Knackers' Yard	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Licenced Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
Miscellaneous visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	42
Noise Abatement Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	35
O.S.R.P. Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	64
Rodent Control	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	458
Visits re unsound food	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	28
Visits re food poisoning	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Water Sampling	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	24

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

The undermentioned premises in the district are subject to the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1970.

TRADE	No. OF PREMISES
Grocers	35
Bakers	3
Butchers	13
Confectioners	18
Fishmongers	3
Fried fish shops	2
Greengrocers	8
General shops	39
Hotels and guest houses	3
Licensed premises	67
Restaurants	26
Slaughterhouses	4
Clubs	6
Ice-cream manufacturing premises	1
Cafes and snack bars	11

All the premises comply with Regulation 18 and Regulation 21. There are no poultry processing premises within the Rural District.

MEAT INSPECTION
CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE
OR IN PART

	Cattle excludg. Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep Lambs and Goats	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	371	—	4	2254	434	—
Number inspected	371	—	4	2254	434	—
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci: Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	8	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	21	—	—	5	6	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with diseases other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci	5.66	—	—	0.57	1.38	—
Tuberculosis only: Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	4	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	—	—	—	—	0.92	—
Cysticercosis: Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	—	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Eight complaints were received about foreign bodies in articles of food, or food stuffs affected with mould growth and other unsatisfactory conditions. All complaints were investigated and manufacturers or retailers visited. Proceedings were taken in one case only regarding a piece of string found in a currant bun, the bakery concerned being fined £10.00. It would appear from the above that many of the mould complaints were due to prolonged storage.

UNSOUND FOOD

Twenty-eight visits have been made in connection with unsound food stuffs, the condemned goods having been surrendered to the Public Health Inspector and then removed to refuse tips.

757 canned or packeted foods were found to be unfit.

DISEASE AND WEIGHT OF MEAT CONDEMNED

January–December 1972

					lbs.
Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	58
Fascioliasis	...	...	...	...	217
Abscesses	320
Pleurisy	13
Bruising	5
Ascaris	4
Pericarditis	2
Arthritis	1
Oedema	405
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					1,025
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CARAVAN SITES 1972

Site	Type of Site	No. of Caravans	Facilities provided
Aspley Farm Aspley Heath Tanworth-in-Arden	Residential	6	R FP HS WS D SA L S
Avonside Caravan Park Welford-on-Avon	Summer	45	FP HS R SA FFA D WS
Brooklands Aspley Heath	Residential	6	R FP HS WS S
Dodwell Trailer Park Stratford-upon-Avon	Residential	80	FP FFA R HS SA LD WS
Four Alls Site Welford-on-Avon	Summer	26	FP FFA L R SA HS D WS
Hillcrest Portway Tanworth-in-Arden	Residential	100	R FP HS WS D SA L S
Hunts Site Juggins Lane Tanworth-in-Arden	Residential	13	R FP HS WS S
Long Cast Barton Road Welford-on-Avon	Residential	22	FFA FP L R HS SA WS D
Oaktree Farm Site Juggins Lane Tanworth-in-Arden	Residential	50	R FFA WS D S FP SA
West View Barton Road Welford-on-Avon	Summer	32	FP FFA D R SA HS WS
Wootton Hall Wootton Wawen	Residential	296	R FP HS WS D SA L S
Hawkins The Mill Welford-on-Avon	Summer	12	FFA FP L R SA HS D WS

R Roads
 FFA Fire fighting apparatus
 WS Water supply
 D Drainage

L Laundry facilities
 S Storage space
 FP Footpath
 SA Sanitary accommodation blocks

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

The following is an analysis of work carried out to 31st December, 1972.

Total number of registered premises	...	...	...	163
Total number of visits	...	...	...	62

ANALYSIS OF EMPLOYED PERSONS

Offices	Retail shops	Whole Departments Warehouses	Catering Establishments	Canteens	Fuel Storage Depots	M	F
436	222	44	350	31	—	518	565

The following is an analysis of contraventions found to have been remedied:

Section 6	Temperature	...	...	...	...	26
Section 7	Ventilation	...	...	...	...	12
Section 9	Sanitary accommodation	...	...	...	...	1
Section 12	Accommodation for clothing	...	...	...	...	2
Section 16	Floors, staircases	...	...	...	...	7
Section 17	Fencing and machinery	...	...	...	...	1
Section 24	First aid boxes	...	...	...	...	14
Section 50	Provision of abstracts	...	...	...	...	23

WATER SUPPLIES

Twenty-four water samples were taken during the year, 11 proving unsatisfactory. The unsatisfactory supplies were from well water and in some instances cleansing and covering the well as per building regulations resulted in satisfactory samples. The remaining owners were advised to install chlorinators which render the water safe for drinking purposes from a bacteriological point of view. These chlorinators, which are rather compact, can be fitted either in roof spaces or in kitchens and require refilling approximately once per month with a sodium hyperchlorite solution. Many of these have been installed over the district during the past eighteen years and have proved entirely satisfactory.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENT ACT, 1963

Thirteen establishments were licensed to accommodate dogs and cats, one licensee during the year closing the premises.

The largest establishment has provision for 100 dogs and 25 cats. The grand total 309 dogs, 198 cats.

NOISE ABATEMENT ACT, 1960

During the year seven complaints were received regarding noise nuisance from motor cycle scrambling, clay pigeon shooting, barking dogs, chimes of ice-cream vehicles and extractor fans. Investigations were carried out in every case.

Regarding motor cycle scrambling, the residents of Langley Village complained that every Sunday certain fields were used for this purpose, the motor cycles in question having open exhaust. A Statutory Notice was served on the farmer who owned the fields, which resulted in abatement of the nuisance.

In the case of clay pigeon shooting, the same farmer was involved, and the service of the Notice for the motor cycle scrambling complaint resulted in the cessation of the clay pigeon shooting.

In one instance in Tanworth Village a Statutory Notice was served on the owner of a breeding kennels. The Notice was disregarded and the matter resulted in Magistrate Court proceedings.

Ice-cream vehicles – under the Noise Abatement Act, 1960, it is an offence to use chimes on vehicles before 12 noon or after 7 p.m. One ice-cream vendor repeatedly disregarded warnings and a Statutory Notice was served which resulted in the cessation of the nuisance.

Extractor fans are becoming more and more used for ventilation purposes in poultry houses, and these fans do cause a nuisance to the people living in the vicinity since the fans are in use for 24 hours of the day. Representations have been made to the owners of two poultry houses who have successfully baffled these fans, thereby abating the nuisance.

RODENT CONTROL

Three Rodent Operators are employed full time by the Council.

Contracts Number 309 at December, 1972.

Value £2,579.

SUMMARY OF VISITS FOR SURVEY PURPOSES

1. Dwellings	...	...	...	657
2. Business Premises	...	...	...	828
3. Agricultural Premises	...	...	...	3,173
4. Local Authority	...	...	...	700

NUMBER OF INFESTATIONS TREATED

1. Dwellings	...	...	...	295
2. Business Premises	...	...	...	333
3. Agricultural Premises	...	...	...	1,762
4. Local Authority	...	...	...	145

In addition to this 71 wasp nests were treated.

Sewage Disposal Works and Refuse Tips belonging to the Council are visited monthly. The sewers of 30 villages within the District were baited and the necessary treatment carried out in three instances where slight infestation was experienced.

In May 1958, when the Ministry of Agriculture ceased rodent contracts on farms, 37 premises were handed over to the Rural District, and the first month's number of contracts was nine, the remainder of the contracts were outside the boundaries of the Rural District. In those days the Council employed one rodent operative, and since 1958 the contracts have gradually increased to 309 and the rodent operatives to three.

Apart from approximately 100 contracts for each operative, private premises, that is dwelling houses, are also visited, together with disinfestation of verminous premises and the treatment of wasps nests. It would appear from records kept that the latter is increasing annually, which means that more and more time has to be taken by the rodent operative to deal with wasps; this is in spite of new insecticides and other means taken to exterminate them.

The particularly mild winters we have had for some years are the main cause of this, the Queen wasps not being killed by the cold.

REFUSE DISPOSAL

There is a weekly collection of refuse in the Rural District. Paper sacks are used all over the Rural District and the system is working very well.

Tipping takes place at two controlled tips, one in the north part of the Rural District and one in the south. The life of these two tips is extremely limited, and alternative methods of treatment of refuse must be provided in the very near future. As is mentioned in the introduction to this report, it is hoped to provide an incinerator in conjunction with two other Local Authorities to solve the problem. The Rural District, in addition, is making arrangements to tip a certain amount of refuse in the Warwick Rural District at Barford. This can only be a

temporary and very expensive way of dealing with the district refuse, but the expense must be incurred in order to save a certain amount of tipping space in the Rural District for dire emergencies.

FACTORIES ACT: 1961, PART 1 OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for the purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises	No. on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	4	0	0	0
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	97	3	0	0
(3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	0	0	0	0
Total	101	3	0	0

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND
NIL

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The Council's programme of work to provide full modern sewerage and sewage treatment in the Rural District continued during the year. By the end of 1972 the progress on the various schemes which were carried over from 1971 was as follows:—

1. ALDERMINSTER AND WHITCHURCH
This scheme was completed and was functioning.
2. WELLESBOURNE
As I reported last year, the modernisation and enlargement of the works and the drainage area of the works falls into three parts –
 - (a) The provision of new sewers in the villages of Loxley, Hampton Lucy and Charlecote, and the provision of a pumping main to the works at Wellesbourne proceeded during 1972. By September this work was completed and sewage was being treated at the existing Wellesbourne works.
 - (b) The second contract in this scheme was the reconstruction and enlargement of the works and provision for treatment of sewage from a very much larger population than is being dealt with at the present time. By September this work had started. Since the existing works had to continue in use alongside the provision of the enlarged works, the contract was not a straightforward one to implement. However, it proceeded smoothly during the year and there are good prospects of the work being completed in 1973.

(c) Contract No. 3 consisted of providing a new trunk valley sewer from the village of Wellesbourne. Early in the year this sewer was constructed, tested and in use.

3. ARDENS GRAFTON AND TEMPLE GRAFTON

This combined scheme with the Alcester Rural District southern sewerage scheme made little progress during 1972. A tender for the work had, however, been accepted early in 1973, and it is hoped that the drainage from these two villages, which is most necessary, will soon be adequate.

4. TIDBURY GREEN

The scheme drains to the Cole Valley drainage scheme being provided by the Upper Thame Drainage Authority. The completion date for the main trunk sewers was March 1972. A scheme for the drainage of this part of Hockley Heath parish is being designed by the District Council staff. Eventually 380 properties will drain to these main sewers. It is hoped that tenders for this work will be returned in January 1973. Clearance from the Department of the Environment and from the Upper Thame Drainage Authority has already been obtained.

5. KINETON

For some years there has been difficulty in the village of Kineton because of inadequate sewers, which were laid in 1905. A survey was made in 1967 and a scheme is being prepared to replace the 9-inch sewer by a twelve-inch sewer. It is hoped that this will overcome the surcharging difficulties which have arisen recently.

6. LONG MARSTON

A scheme is being prepared to provide modern drainage for this village, which will be pumped to the existing works formerly owned by the War Department. These works will have to be modernised and extended.

Apart from these major schemes there are small schemes which are in the design stage, covering:-

Sewerage Scheme, Golden Cross, Bearley.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal Scheme, Dorsington.

Sewerage Scheme, Beaudesert Lane, Henley-in-Arden.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal Scheme, Langley.

Sewerage Scheme, Bordon Hill, Old Stratford and Drayton.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal Scheme, Preston Bagot.

The Dorsington scheme was designed a few years ago, but was postponed because the urgency did not appear to be great when the enquiry was held. Apart from this village the only other village requiring a new scheme is the village of Langley. The other schemes are very local small schemes to deal with isolated drainage difficulties.

WATER SUPPLIES

Water in the Rural District is supplied by two water authorities – the South Warwickshire Water Board and the Birmingham City Water Undertaking. Supplies have been ample and the quality is sound. There have been no difficulties during the year.

Only very few properties are still supplied by wells, most of these properties being on the slum clearance list. Those houses which are of better quality are isolated and the provision of main water supply to them would be very expensive. The occupiers of these properties are advised by the Health Department about steps they should take to provide water of good quality.

The Birmingham City water is fully fluoridated. The South Warwickshire Water Board is gradually providing apparatus to add fluoride to its various sources of supply. Progress, unfortunately, is slow, since there are very many sources and the work has to be done gradually.

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BOROUGH OF STRATFORD-UPON-AVON

CAUSE OF DEATH	Sex	TOTAL All ages
Enteritis and other diarrhoeal diseases	M	1
	F	0
Other tuberculosis	M	1
	F	0
Malignant neoplasm, oesophagus	M	1
	F	0
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	M	3
	F	0
Malignant neoplasm, intestine	M	4
	F	3
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	M	11
	F	5
Malignant neoplasm, breast	M	0
	F	7
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	F	3
Malignant neoplasm, prostate	M	3
Leukaemia	M	1
	F	1
Other malignant neoplasms	M	1
	F	8
Diabetes mellitus	M	1
	F	2
Mental disorders	M	0
	F	1
Chronic rheumatic heart disease	M	0
	F	3
Hypertensive disease	M	0
	F	1
Ischaemic heart disease	M	32
	F	28
Other forms of heart disease	M	3
	F	4
Cerebrovascular disease	M	7
	F	25
Other diseases of circulatory system	M	3
	F	8
Influenza	M	1
	F	0
Pneumonia	M	11
	F	27
Bronchitis and emphysema	M	8
	F	0
Other diseases of respiratory system	M	1
	F	0
Intestinal obstruction and hernia	M	2
	F	0
Cirrhosis of liver	M	0
	F	1
Other diseases of digestive system	M	2
	F	5
Nephritis and nephrosis	M	2
	F	1
Diseases of skin, subcutaneous tissue	M	1
	F	0
Congenital anomalies	M	0
	F	2
Birth injury, difficult labour, etc.	M	1
	F	0

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Other causes of perinatal mortality	M	1
	F	0
Symptoms and ill defined conditions	M	0
	F	3
All other accidents	M	2
	F	2
All other external causes	M	0
	F	1
Total all causes	M	104
	F	141

RURAL DISTRICT OF ALCESTER

CAUSE OF DEATH	Sex	TOTAL All ages
Enteritis and other diarrhoeal diseases	M	1
	F	0
Late effects of respiratory T.B.	M	1
	F	0
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	M	4
	F	0
Malignant neoplasm, intestine	M	1
	F	4
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	M	7
	F	1
Malignant neoplasm, breast	M	0
	F	4
Malignant neoplasm, prostate	M	1
Leukaemia	M	1
	F	3
Other malignant neoplasms	M	2
	F	9
Other endocrine, etc., diseases	M	1
	F	0
Anaemias	M	0
	F	1
Mental disorders	M	1
	F	2
Chronic rheumatic heart disease	M	2
	F	0
Hypertensive disease	M	2
	F	2
Ischaemic heart disease	M	34
	F	18
Other forms of heart disease	M	7
	F	7
Cerebrovascular disease	M	12
	F	14
Other diseases of circulatory system	M	4
	F	9
Pneumonia	M	9
	F	13
Bronchitis and emphysema	M	6
	F	2
Asthma	M	1
	F	0
Other diseases of respiratory system	M	3
	F	1
Peptic ulcer	M	1
	F	0
Intestinal obstruction and hernia	M	1
	F	0
Cirrhosis of liver	M	1
	F	0
Nephritis and nephrosis	M	1
	F	0
Other diseases, genito-urinary system	M	1
	F	0
Other complications of pregnancy, etc.	F	1
Diseases of musculo-skeletal system	M	0
	F	1
Congenital anomalies	M	2
	F	2

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Birth injury, difficult labour, etc.	M	0
	F	1
Motor vehicle accidents	M	0
	F	1
All other accidents	M	3
	F	3
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	M	1
	F	0
Total all causes	M	111
	F	99

RURAL DISTRICT OF SHIPSTON-ON STOUR

CAUSE OF DEATH	Sex	TOTAL All ages
Malignant neoplasm, oesophagus	M	1
	F	2
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	M	1
	F	2
Malignant neoplasm, intestine	M	2
	F	2
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	M	5
	F	1
Malignant neoplasm, breast	M	0
	F	2
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	F	1
Leukaemia	M	1
	F	1
Other malignant neoplasms	M	4
	F	2
Diabetes mellitus	M	2
	F	1
Anaemias	M	0
	F	1
Other diseases of nervous system	M	0
	F	1
Chronic rheumatic heart disease	M	0
	F	1
Hypertensive disease	M	1
	F	0
Ischaemic heart disease	M	18
	F	10
Other forms of heart disease	M	4
	F	9
Cerebrovascular disease	M	10
	F	14
Other diseases of circulatory system	M	7
	F	11
Influenza	M	0
	F	1
Pneumonia	M	5
	F	5
Bronchitis and emphysema	M	2
	F	1
Other diseases of respiratory system	M	0
	F	1
Peptic ulcer	M	1
	F	0
Hyperplasia of prostate	M	2
Other diseases, genito-urinary system	M	0
	F	1
Congenital anomalies	M	1
	F	0
Birth injury, difficult labour, etc.	M	0
	F	1
Motor vehicle accidents	M	0
	F	1
All other accidents	M	0
	F	3
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	M	1
	F	0
Total all causes	M	68
	F	75

RURAL DISTRICT OF STRATFORD-ON-AVON

CAUSE OF DEATH	Sex	TOTAL All ages
Meningococcal infection	M	1
	F	0
Other infective and parasitic diseases	M	0
	F	1
Malignant neoplasm, buccal cavity, etc.	M	1
	F	0
Malignant neoplasm, oesophagus	M	1
	F	0
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	M	4
	F	5
Malignant neoplasm, intestine	M	4
	F	9
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	M	13
	F	7
Malignant neoplasm, breast	M	0
	F	8
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	F	1
Malignant neoplasm, prostate	M	4
Other malignant neoplasms	M	8
	F	8
Benign and unspecified neoplasms	M	0
	F	1
Diabetes mellitus	M	1
	F	2
Other endocrine, etc., diseases	M	1
	F	2
Mental disorders	M	0
	F	1
Other diseases of nervous system	M	0
	F	1
Chronic rheumatic heart disease	M	1
	F	4
Hypertensive disease	M	4
	F	2
Ischaemic heart disease	M	47
	F	27
Other forms of heart disease	M	10
	F	5
Cerebrovascular disease	M	10
	F	19
Other diseases of circulatory system	M	6
	F	11
Influenza	M	2
	F	0
Pneumonia	M	10
	F	9
Bronchitis and emphysema	M	7
	F	6
Asthma	M	0
	F	1
Other diseases of respiratory system	M	1
	F	0
Peptic ulcer	M	2
	F	0
Appendicitis	M	0
	F	1
Cirrhosis of liver	M	1
	F	0

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Other diseases of digestive system	M	1
	F	2
Nephritis and nephrosis	M	2
	F	2
Hyperplasia of prostate	M	1
Other diseases, genito-urinary system	M	2
	F	1
Congenital anomalies	M	2
	F	2
Birth injury, difficult labour, etc.	M	1
	F	0
Symptoms and ill-defined conditions	M	1
	F	1
Motor vehicle accidents	M	1
	F	3
All other accidents	M	0
	F	2
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	M	1
	F	0
Total all causes	M	151
	F	144

BOROUGH OF STRATFORD-UPON-AVON

INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFICATIONS

Classifications	0-1	1-2	3-4	5-9	10-14	15-24	25 and over	Age unknown	TOTAL	Ad. to hosp.
*Measles	-	3	3	16	1	1	1	-	25	-
Acute Meningitis	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	3	3
Infective Jaundice	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	2	1
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	6	8	-	14	-

***None immunised**

RURAL DISTRICT OF ALCESTER

INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFICATIONS

Classifications	0-1	1-2	3-4	5-9	10-14	15-24	25 and over	Age unknown	TOTAL	Ad. to hosp.
**Measles	5	15	21	73	1	2	-	-	117	-
Scarlet Fever	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	2	-
*Whooping Cough	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	3	-
Infective Jaundice	-	-	4	10	3	6	11	-	34	1

**9 cases immunised

*All cases immunised

RURAL DISTRICT OF STRATFORD-ON-AVON

INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFICATIONS

Classifications	0-1	1-2	3-4	5-9	10-14	15-24	25 and over	Age unknown	TOTAL	Ad. to hosp.
*Measles	-	2	11	16	2	-	-	-	31	-
Acute Meningitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	2
Scarlet Fever	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	2	-
Infective Jaundice	-	-	-	-	1	4	4	-	9	1
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	1	1	2	5	-	9	1

*None immunised

BOROUGH OF STRATFORD-UPON-AVON

TUBERCULOSIS

No. of cases on Register at 1st January, 1972

No. of cases on Register at 31st December, 1972

Pul.		Non-Pul.	
M	F	M	F
12	10	3	5
12	9	3	5

AGE GROUP	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pul.		Non-Pul.		Pul.		Non-Pul.	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0-1								
2-5								
6-10								
11-15								
16-21								
22-25								
26-35		1						
36-45								
46-55								
56-65								
66 and upwards	1				1			
Age unknown								
TOTAL	1	1			1			

2 Pul. (F) recovered

RURAL DISTRICT OF ALCESTER

TUBERCULOSIS

No. of cases on Register at 1st January, 1972

No. of cases on Register at 31st December, 1972

Pul.		Non-Pul.	
M	F	M	F
13	4	1	4
10	4	1	4

AGE GROUP	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pul.		Non-Pul.		Pul.		Non-Pul.	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0-1								
2-5								
6-10								
11-15								
16-21								
22-25								
26-35								
36-45								
46-55								
56-65								
66 and upwards								
Age unknown								
TOTAL								

3 Pul. (M) recovered

RURAL DISTRICT OF SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR

TUBERCULOSIS

No. of cases on Register at 1st January, 1972

No. of cases on Register at 31st December, 1972

Pul.		Non-Pul.	
M	F	M	F
9	4	0	1
9	3	0	1

AGE GROUP	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pul.		Non-Pul.		Pul.		Non-Pul.	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0-1								
2-5								
6-10								
11-15								
16-21								
22-25								
26-35								
36-45								
46-55								
56-65	1							
66 and upwards								
Age unknown								
TOTAL	1							

1 Pul. (M) lost sight of
1 Pul. (F) lost sight of

RURAL DISTRICT OF STRATFORD-ON-AVON

TUBERCULOSIS

No. of cases on Register at 1st January, 1972

No. of cases on Register at 31st December, 1972

Pul.		Non-Pul.	
M	F	M	F
16	11	3	0
15	9	3	0

AGE GROUP	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pul.		Non-Pul.		Pul.		Non-Pul.	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0-1								
2-5								
6-10								
11-15								
16-21								
22-25								
26-35								
36-45								
46-55								
56-65								
66 and upwards								
Age unknown								
TOTAL								

1 Pul. (M) removed from area
 2 Pul. (F) recovered

